

# WALNUT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023 4:30 P.M.

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1. Flag Salute
2. Roll Call: Mr. Hilden\_\_\_\_ Ms. Kwong\_\_\_\_ Ms. Lee\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tang\_\_\_\_

3. Public Comment

President Hilden

The Presiding Officer of the Board of Directors may impose reasonable limitations on public comments to assure an orderly and timely meeting.

**A. Agenda Items** - Any person desiring to address the Board of Directors on any Agenda item may do so at the time the item is considered on the Agenda by requesting the privilege of doing so at this time and stating the Agenda item to be addressed. At the time the item is discussed, those requesting to speak will be called to do so.

**B. Non-Agenda Items** - At this time, the public shall have an opportunity to comment on any non-agenda item relevant to the jurisdiction of the District. Reasonable time limits on each topic and on each speaker are imposed in accordance with Board policy.

4. [Consideration and Possible Action to Fill Division IV Board Vacancy](#)

- A. Discussion
- B. Action Taken

5. Other

Adjournment

I, Lucie Cazares, CMC, Walnut Valley Water District, do hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that a full and correct copy of this agenda was posted pursuant to Government Code Section 54950 et. seq., at 271 S. Brea Canyon Road, Walnut, CA., and uploaded to the Walnut Valley Water District website: [www.wvwd.com/board-meetings](http://www.wvwd.com/board-meetings).

# WVWD – Staff Report



**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** General Manager  
**DATE:** February 9, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Consideration and Possible Action to Fill Division IV Board Vacancy

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Action/Discussion     Fiscal Impact     Resolution     Information Only

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Prior to the Special Board meeting held Monday February 6<sup>th</sup>, the District received five separate emails regarding the subject agenda item. Due to the timing of receipt of the email communications, three were provided as hard copies to the Board of Directors. The other two were not received by staff in time to be provided prior to the meeting.

Attached for your information are the five emails received by the District related to the subject item.

Attachment

*Email from Adrienne Cotterell*

*Email from Robin Paerels*

*Email from C. Robin Smith*

*Email from Rachel and Roger Kirk*

*Email from Cindy Yee*

## Alexandra Cortez

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**From:** Adrienne Cotterell <alcqa@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 1:39 PM  
**To:** Jerry Tang; Edwin Hilden; Theresa Lee; Scarlett Kwong; Erik Hitchman; Lucie Cazares  
**Subject:** [External Mail] Public Comment for February 6 Special Board Meeting

**CAUTION! This is an EXTERNAL email originated from outside the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.**

I write today in support of Margaret Liu to fill the Board vacancy caused by Dr. Hayakawa's resignation.

Margaret Liu lives in Diamond Bar with her husband Stan and two daughters, She is a local realtor in the greater Diamond Bar area, and is thus very familiar with the region, the schools and the infrastructure of the area. Margaret is a member of the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee for the Walnut Valley Unified School District, so she is familiar with how local governance teams work. Her community involvement and knowledge of Diamond Bar make her a very strong applicant for this position. Margaret wants to ensure that her daughters and future generations have access to clean, affordable water, knowing that water is a precious resource that cannot be taken for granted.

Margaret Liu is endorsed by Dr. Kevin Hayakawa, the previous Division 4 Director, and it is his wish that she be appointed to fill the remainder of his term.

I also write to strongly oppose Alfred Sinclair's application for the vacancy. His divisive rhetoric should disqualify him from holding public office. Mr. Sinclair has falsely stated that Black Lives Matter wants citizens to shoot and kill police officers. This statement is false and its purpose is to stir up violence. He was ousted by District 4 voters in 2020, receiving less than 25 % of the vote. Less than 1 in 4 Division 4 voters want him to be their water board representative.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Adrienne Cotterell  
Diamond Bar, CA

## Alexandra Cortez

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**From:** Robin <rpaerels@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 3:00 PM  
**To:** director.tan@wvwd.com; Edwin Hilden; Theresa Lee; Scarlett Kwong; Erik Hitchman; jcazares@wvwd.com  
**Subject:** [External Mail] Concerns re: WVWD vacancy appt

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Good afternoon -

It was brought to my attention that there is a vacancy on the Walnut Valley Water District Board and that Alfred Sinclair has requested he be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Sinclair was soundly defeated in the last election (75.5% to 24.4%), largely because of 2 factors - he does not live in the Walnut Valley district, and because of his inflammatory remarks toward Dr. Hayakawa on social media. These remarks included "(Dr. Hayakawa) is a BLM SUPPORTER. BLM wants to destroy the USA by destroying the Democratic process, also, they want citizens to shoot and kill police officers. Look it up yourself, and he supports that movement."

Mr. Sinclair does not reflect the constituency of Walnut Valley - his public views are discriminatory and racist. Please do not appoint him to a seat on your board when he was very clearly denied one from the voters.

Thank you,

Robin Paerels  
1421 Delemere Dr.

## Alexandra Cortez

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**From:** Cynthia Robin Smith <diamondbarbeautiful@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 3:16 PM  
**To:** Edwin Hilden; Jerry Tang; Theresa Lee; Scarlett Kwong; Erik Hitchman; lcazares@wwwd.com  
**Subject:** [External Mail] Urgent Complaint Public Comment Feb. 6, 2023 Mtg  
**Attachments:** 329215992\_723763379100277\_579858357939656237\_n.jpg

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Dear President Hilden & Waterboard Directors,

I am a Diamond Bar resident and rater payer for over 35 years now.

I regret to say that I have never had to complain to the Walnut Valley Water District before - especially under these circumstances

We are living in extraordinary times where words posted publicly can be dangerous, foreboding and can in some cases cause real harm.

I have been a community activist for 9 years with a respected reputation for serving the greater good in the City of Diamond Bar. I have also served as a mandated reporter. I recently discovered some troubling facts about previous words and actions apparently expressed and performed by waterboard applicant Mr. Alfred Sinclair posted on the Rowland Heights Buzz social media platform. Mr. Sinclair falsely states in the post, that the Black Lives Matter movement wants citizens to shoot and kill police officers. This statement is totally untrue, irresponsible, reckless and potentially stokes violence!

Our culture suffers from increased racial hatred and violent events. As a Mandated Reporter, I was alarmed to read such a comment from a candidate applying for local public service. (See attached screen shot.)

I appeal to the Walnut Valley Water District to be responsible in filtering out, any individuals whose words or actions fail to portray the integrity of their institution and basic respect and inclusivity towards all people groups in the community.

Meanwhile, on a different note . . .

I wish to encourage the Walnut Valley Waterboard to consider applicant Margaret Liu, wife of City of Diamond Bar Mayor Pro Tem, Stan Liu.

I know Margaret and Stan. It is uplifting to see such dedication to our community. Margaret cares deeply about her realty work in helping families find a good home in our city. She is also committed to defending Nature and natural solutions to the climate crisis. She has the character to face challenges with grace and an attitude of collaboration.

Margaret wants to ensure her daughters and future generations will have safe, affordable water. I know she

will find clever ways to get us to that goal.

In knowing Stan and Margaret, I have seen them model integrity and caring for the greater good in the community. This is a centerpiece of the Liu family.

Please consider Mrs. Margaret Liu for district 4. She would be a great asset to your team and a very special leader representing Walnut Valley Water.

Respectfully,

C. Robin Smith

Attachment: Rowland Heights Buzz Sinclair Comment screenshot

Cynthia **Robin** Smith, Naturalist, Conservation Gardener, Teacher

*California Native Trees, Landscapes; Wildlife Habitat & Biodiversity Conservation*

**Diamond Bar Preservation Foundation, Conservation Consultant**

**Conejo Ridge Native Garden, Outdoor Classroom, Director**

**Diamond Bar - Pomona Valley Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter**

**California Native Plant Society**

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Alfred's Post



Alfred Sinclare Jr. Author

[Jeremy Davis Galland](#) I didn't block him. He is a BLM SUPPORTER. BLM wants to destroy the USA by destroying the Democratic process, also, they want citizens to shoot and kill police officers. Look it up yourself, and he supports that movement.

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Leslie Smith

[Alfred Sinclare Jr.](#) this is a completely untrue, racist, and dangerous statement about Black Lives Matter. I wasn't sure who I was voting for before in this local race, but thanks to this comment Mr. Hayakawa has not only secured my vote, I am going to do my best to campaign for him to ensure your removal from office. Thank you for providing such clarity.

1h Like Reply

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Write a comment...



## Alexandra Cortez

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**From:** rogerrachelkirk@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 3:44 PM  
**To:** Jerry Tang; Edwin Hilden; Theresa Lee; Lucie Cazares; Scarlett Kwong; Erik Hitchman  
**Cc:** Kevin Hayakawa; Rachel Kirk  
**Subject:** [External Mail] Filling the Vacancy caused by Director Hayakawa's resignation

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Walnut Valley Water District Directors,

I have learned that you are meeting tonight to decide on a replacement on the WVWD Board caused by the resignation of Dr. Kevin Hayakawa. My husband and I have lived in Diamond Bar since 1971. We are proud to live in such a beautiful city with such caring and wonderful neighbors. We vote regularly for candidates that demonstrate personal integrity and a commitment to serve the community. We vote for candidates that value and respect our diverse community.

We are dismayed that you would consider appointing Alfred Sinclair. We are aware of the divisive statements and unethical behavior of Mr. Sinclair. During a difficult time Mr. Sinclair, instead of making statements to bring our community together, stoked the fires of fear and hate by stating that the Black Lives Matter movement encouraged the killing of police officers.

In addition, it does not engender trust when a public official gets caught committing an illegal act during his campaign. Even those paid to drop off advertisements at homes know they cannot put them inside mailboxes. If Mr. Sinclair does not know this basic fact, what else about his responsibilities does he not know? We have no confidence in Mr. Sinclair and would question the judgement of those who would appointment him.

We know Margaret Liu personally because she is so involved in our Diamond Bar community and our public schools. She is present at community events and volunteer opportunities. She helped with the Making Spirits Bright campaign to gather and wrap gifts for military families at 29 Palms which is near and dear to my heart. She works to bring people together and would be a wonderful representative of our community. She is endorsed by outgoing Director, Kevin Hayakawa. We have every confidence that Margaret Liu will fulfill her duties responsibly and with integrity. We urge you to approve his recommendation of Margaret Liu.

Rachel and Roger Kirk  
3450 Honeybrook Ln  
Diamond Bar



## Alexandra Cortez

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**From:** cindy yee <cindyee73@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 3:46 PM  
**To:** Jerry Tang; Edwin Hilden; Theresa Lee; Scarlett Kwong; Erik Hitchman; Lucie Cazares  
**Subject:** [External Mail] NO TO SINCLAIR !

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Dear board members, please DO NOT ALLOW Mr. Sinclair to hold any public office!

I have personally read his diatribe on the Rowland Heights Buzz about the Black Lives Matter movement and spewing hateful rhetoric against the African American community.

This man is out of you and putting someone like him in such an important position scares me. Someone like that probably doesn't believe in climate science and should not represent us in this era of water scarcity!

Plus his sense of entitlement is going to get him and the BOARD into future trouble, he knew the one MAIN rule of campaigning and working as a postal employee is that you do not tamper with the mailboxes and he did precisely that! Pure entitlement!

Margaret Liu is hands down the better choice.

Cindy Yee

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